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SUBJ: RECIPROCAL LICENSING OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

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1. IN RECENT WEEKS, EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT TO CLARIFY ISSUES IMPEDING US-ITALY AGREEMENT ON ACCORD TO PERMIT RECIPROCAL LICENSING OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WITH MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PTT) REP BINNETTI AND ITALIAN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ASSOCIATION. ITALIAN CONCERNS REMAIN CENTERED ON FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) INABILITY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF VALIDITY OF LICENSE ISSUED BY FOREIGN AUTHORITIES; THAT IS, FCC REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR 60 DAY WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMIT CONSENTING OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. ITALIANS BELIEVE THIS INDICATES LACK OF FAITH IN ITALIAN LICENSING PROCEDURES; IN THEIR VIEW, POSSESSION OF ITALIAN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS LICENSE GUARANTEES THAT THE HOLDER HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PTT, AND MINISTRIES OF THE INTERIOR (POLICE) AND DEFENSE AND THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD CAST DOUBT ON HIS RELIABILITY. EMBOFF NOTED AGAIN (A) THAT ACTUAL WAITING PERIOD WAS APPROXIMATELY 14 DAYS (REF (B)), WHICH APPEARED TO BE NECESSARY FOR BUREAUCRATIC AND NOT SECURITY REASONS, AND (B) THAT ITALY GRANTED PERMANENT

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OPERATING PERMIT ONLY AFTER FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL WAITING PERIOD, EVEN WHEN FOREIGN AMATEUR WAS IN POSSESSION OF VALID OPERATING PERMIT ISSUED BY HIS OWN COUNTRY. EMBOFF ADDITIONALLY INDICATED THAT FCC WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO CHANGE ITS REGULATIONS IN THIS AREA.

2. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT, OUR NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR STALLED.

NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY AND VARIOUS US MILITARY COMMANDS (WHERE MOST U.S. MATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE FOUND) WOULD LIKE TO UNBLOCK SITUATION. ADDRESSING ITALIAN SENSITIVITY ON REASONS FOR FCC WAITING PERIOD, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO FURNISH EXPLANATORY LETTER SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE FCC OR OTHER OFFICIAL WHICH WOULD SOOTHE ITALIAN FEELINGS IN THIS AREA? PRESUMABLE, SUCH A LETTER WOULD HAVE TO INDICATE THAT BUREAUCRATIC, AND NOT SECURITY OR INVESTIGATIVE, REASONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAITING PERIOD. HAS THIS SUBJECT COME UP IN NEGOTIATING OTHER RECIPROCAL LICENSING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES? EMBASSY NOTES IN THIS CONNECTION THAT U.S. AND ITALY BOTH HAVE AGREEMENTS IN COMMON WITH MANY COUNTRIES, AND NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF THESE AGREEMENTS COULD BE USEFUL IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE ITALIANS.GARDNER

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